

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Coroners' Education Board  
Office of Attorney General  
Basic Death Investigation Course  
April 26 – May 1, 2004  
Pennsylvania State Police Training Center  
Hershey, Pennsylvania**

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**Course Outline**

Monday April 26

8:00A – 12:00P	Operation of Coroner's Office	Coroner Michael Norris
12:00P – 1:00P	Lunch	
1:00P – 2:00P	Practical Photography	Lieutenant Phfall
2:00P – 3:00P	Digital Photography	Lieutenant Phfall
3:00P – 5:00P	Forensics at the Death Scene	Detective John Fallon

Tuesday April 27

8:00A – 10:00A	Toxicology/Drug & Alcohol Deaths (Poisons in the home)	Robert Middleberg, PhD
10:00A – 12:00P	Toxicology in Children	Robert Middleberg, PhD
12:00P – 1:00P	Lunch	
1:00P – 2:00P	Legal Aspects of Coroner's Office	Ronald W. Costen, PhD, Esq.
2:00P – 5:00P	Practical Problems & Solutions for the Coroners Office	Coroner Michael Norris

Wednesday April 28

8:00A – 12:00P	Death Scene Investigation from Coroner's Perspective	Coroner Scott Grim
12:00P – 1:00P	Lunch	
1:00P – 2:00P	Time of Death	Isiadore Mihalakis, MD

2:00P – 3:00P	Natural Deaths	Isiadore Mihalakis, MD
3:00P – 4:00P	Motor Vehicle Deaths	Isiadore Mihalakis, MD
4:00P – 5:00P	Fire Related Deaths	Isiadore Mihalakis, MD

Thursday April 29

8:00A – 10:00A	Forensic Odontology	Richard Scanlon, DMD
10:00A – 12:00P	Forensic Evidence Collection	TBA
12:00P – 1:00P	Lunch	
1:00P – 4:00P	Blunt/Sharp Trauma & Neuropathology	Isiadore Mihalakis, MD
4:00P – 5:00P	Long Term Care Legal Issues and the Coroner's Office (Act 28)	Ronald Costen, PhD, Esq.

Friday April 30

8:00A – 9:15A	Asphyxia/Drowning & Electrocutation Related Deaths	Ian Hood, MD, JD
9:15A – 10:15A	Therapeutic Misadventure/ Perioperative Deaths	Ian Hood, MD, JD
10:15A – 12:00P	Mass Disasters & Identification Techniques	Ian Hood, MD, JD
12:00P – 1:00P	Lunch	
1:00P – 2:00P	Mass Disasters & Identification Techniques (Continued)	Ian Hood, MD, JD
2:00P – 3:00P	Gun Shot Wounds	Gary Ross, MD
3:00P – 5:00P	Child Deaths	Gary Ross, MD

Saturday May 1

8:00A – 9:00A	Sex Related Deaths	Gary Ross, MD
9:00A – 11:00A	Forensic Autopsy	Gary Ross, MD

11:00A – 12:00P      Test Review

12:00P – 1:00P      Lunch

1:00P – 3:15P      Exam